

Continuation of Application no 09/792, 196  
Preliminary Amendment

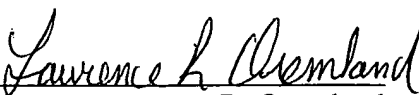
### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a Preliminary Amendment that accompanies the above identified application, which is a continuation of application no 09/792,196, recently allowed, which is a divisional of application Serial number 09/169,175, filed October 8, 1998, now US Patent 6,214,422, issued April 10, 2001, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/628,570, filed April 4, 1996, now U.S. Patent 6,083,628, issued July 4, 2000, which in turn is a continuation in part of application Serial number 08/334,739, filed November 4, 1994, now abandoned.

This preliminary amendment updates the specification to identify the applications from which this application claims priority, and presents claims 57-66, which are substantively similar to claims presented in an amendment under 37 CFR 312 filed in application no 09/792,196. If that amendment is entered in its entirety, applicant intends to withdraw claims 57-66. If the amendment under 37 CFR 312 filed in application no 09/792,196 is not entered, or only partially entered, applicant intends to further amend this application, as appropriate, to present for examination any of the claims of the amendment under 37 CFR 312 filed in application no 09/792,196 that are not entered in that application.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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